

# State of South Dakota

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## HOUSE BILL NO. 1273

Introduced by: Representatives Wick, Frost, and Garnos and Senator Koskan

1 FOR AN ACT ENTITLED, An Act to require an employee's written authorization before money  
2 may be withheld from the employee's paycheck for a political purpose.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA:

4 Section 1. That § 12-25-2 be amended to read as follows:

5 12-25-2. No candidate, candidate's committee, political action committee, or political party  
6 committee may receive any contribution except from an individual, political action committee,  
7 or a political party. No corporation may contribute or attempt to contribute any valuable  
8 consideration to any candidate, committee, or political party except a ballot question committee.  
9 No association may contribute or attempt to contribute any valuable consideration to any  
10 candidate, committee, or political party except a ballot question committee.

11 Associations may create political action committees which may accept contributions from  
12 individuals for the purpose of making political contributions. An individual contributing funds  
13 to an association for the purpose of making a political contribution must specifically authorize  
14 the use of the funds for that purpose. The authorization shall be made prior to the contribution,  
15 voluntary, separate, written, signed and shall be on an authorization form prescribed by the state  
16 board of elections. The authorization shall be renewed at least annually. Political contributions



1 from an individual to an association shall be remitted separately from any contribution for dues,  
2 fees, or other payment to the association.

3 A violation of this section is a Class 2 misdemeanor.